

**IN THE CLAIMS**

The claims pending in the application are reproduced below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:

1. (previously presented) A bearing assembly for supporting a rotating component of a rotary machine comprising:
- a bearing housing;
  - a metallic clearance seal disposed in a fixed radial position with respect to said rotating component and having at least one tooth; said metallic clearance seal attached to said bearing housing is configured to extend radially from said bearing housing in a spaced apart relationship with said rotating component to define an envelope; and
  - a non-metallic brush seal assembly fixedly attached to said metallic clearance seal; said non-metallic brush seal assembly adapted to be secured within the envelope of said metallic clearance seal to extend through said envelope and terminate in substantially intimate contact with said rotating component;
- wherein said non-metallic brush seal assembly comprises a plurality of fibers to substantially arrest leakage of a lubricant from said bearing housing to said envelope.
2. (original) The bearing assembly in accordance with claim 1, wherein said non-metallic brush seal assembly further comprises at least a pair of bristle holding plates for securing said plurality of fibers.
3. (original) The bearing assembly in accordance with claim 2, wherein said non-metallic brush seal assembly further comprises anti-rotation pins affixed to said metallic clearance seal to prevent circumferential displacement of the non-metallic brush seal assembly relative to the metallic clearance seal.

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